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Fulton Lewis, Jr. at 7:00 P.M. over WGMS (Washington) and
the Mutual Network:

Mr. Lewis discussed the current crisis in Syria, and the following
was heard, in part:

"Mr. Eisenhower said that he and the State Department do not have
as much information as they would like to have, because of the siege on
the American Embassy, which brings up the question again as to where has
the CIA been all this time--the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"They are supposed to be the international eyes and ears of this
nation, and they have fabulous hundreds of millions of dollars a year to
support their cloak and dagger operations all over the world--none of
the money accounted for, by the way--and yet they were asleep at the switch
a year ago when the Suez Canal crisis occurred. Apparently they are not
up on the facts in this one. The President in effect said so.

"The events of today do throw some new light on the expulsion from
Syria of the top three American diplomats there about a week ago. Rather
obviously, the purpose was to get them out of the way so that that line
of information to the outside world, as to what is transpiring inside of
Syria, would at least be severed. Of course, that's the reason for the
CIA, to get the intelligence that the embassies cannot get, particularly
in such circumstances as exist at present, but no good, the little man
is not there."